

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 06-05-09**

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Commission Meeting: May 9, 2006, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. BP CANADA ENERGY MARKETING CORP. N2006.4.56 (JOEL)

On April 19, 2006 the Commission received the application of BP Canada Energy Marketing Corp. for a license to supply natural gas in Montana. Staff has reviewed this application and recommends approval. Recommended

Action: Approve application of BP Canada Energy Marketing Corp. for a natural gas supplier license in the State of Montana.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2006.2.24 – NorthWestern Energy and Vigilante Electric Cooperative – Application for Approval of an Exclusive Service Agreement – Further discussion, direction, action on application. (5/9/06)
2. D2006.1.2 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – MDU electric and gas USB review – Discussion and direction on procedure. (5/9/06)
3. D2005.5.87 – NorthWestern Energy – 2005-2006 natural gas tracker – Discussion, direction, action on draft final order. (5/9/06)
4. D2006.2.21 – NorthWestern Energy - 2006 Initial, Abbreviated Natural Gas Procurement Plan – Post-Hearing discussion, direction, action. (5/9/06)
5. L-06.2.1-RUL – PSC rulemaking to implement SB 415 – renewable energy standards – Discuss hearing results and adoption of rules. (5/9/06)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

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| 1. <u>Qwest</u> | <u>N2006.5.59</u> | <u>(Scott)</u> |
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n May 1, 2006, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 06-08, Grandfather the 911 CELLTRACE product. The hardware currently used to support CELLTRACE has become manufacture discontinued and the supplier will no longer provide replacement parts or repair non working parts. With this filing Qwest sill grandfather and continue to provide CELLTRACE to existing customers for as long as it can obtain the parts to do so. This filing also supports the industry move to Phase II wireless 911. Qwest is requesting a June 1, 2006 effective date.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

1. NORTHWESTERN ENERGY D2006.5.58 (Martin)

On May 1, 2006, NorthWestern Energy (NWE) filed a Motion for Protective Order in this docket, which will be NWE's 2006 annual filing for approval of changes in natural gas rates based on the true-up of monthly natural gas cost trackers, 12 month projected gas costs, and transportation balancing. NWE requests information relating to natural gas purchasing and purchases (costs, volumes, delivery locations, supply sources, customer load volumes, bids, and so forth) be protected from uncontrolled public disclosure on the bases that the information is trade secret and confidential business information.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2006.5.58 – NorthWestern Energy – Motion for Protective Order

N2006.5.59 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff Transmittal 06-08, Grandfather the 911 CELLTRACE Product

N2006.5.60 – PSC Initiated – Inquiry into Appropriateness of Adopting PURPA Standards Established by the Energy Policy Act of 2005